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1. AT PERMREPS LUNCH ON JUNE 3, GREEK PERMREP THEODOROPOULOS
SUGGESTED THAT NATO PUT OFF UNTIL SEPTEMBER DISCUSSIONS ON THE
FUTURE RELATIONSHIP OF GREECE WITH NATO. THIS COMMENT WAS RECEIVED
FAVORABLY BY SYG LUNS AND PERMREPS.

2. TURKISH AMBASSADOR ERALP REPORTED HIS PRIME MINISTER HAD
FOUND THE MAY 31 MEETING WITH GREEK PRIME MINISTER VERY USEFUL.
ERALP SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HIS COUNTRY HAD PROBLEMS WITH INFRASTRUCTURE

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AND OTHER MATTERS WHICH MAY NEED IMMEDIATE ATTENTION, HE THOUGHT
IT MIGHT BE PRACTICABLE TO WAIT UNTIL SEPTEMBER AS SUGGESTED
BY THE GREEK AMBASSADOR TO TACKLE THE FUNDAMENTAL GREEK
RELATIONSHIP WITH NATO.

3. COMMENT: POSITIVE REACTION OF PERMREPS TO GREEK SUGGESTION
TO DELAY RESUMPTION OF GREEK-NATO NEGOTIATIONS MAY BE PROMPTED
BY POST-SUMMIT HOPES FOR IMPROVEMENT IN GREEK-TURK RELATIONS.
WE WILL REPORT DURING COMING WEEKS ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENT
OF GREEK AND OTHER DELEGATIONS REGARDING GREEK-NATO DISCUSSIONS.
HOWEVER, PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND GUIDANCE BY THE
DEPARTMENT, WE WILL TAKE NO INITIATIVE AT THIS STAGE TO COUNTER
APPARENT INCLINATION OF INTERESTED NATO REPS, INCLUDING
TURKISH REP, TO ACCEPT LITTLE MOVEMENT IN GREEK-NATO NEGOTIATIONS
DURING THE SUMMER.
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